



# Training Objectives Learn the key components to Customized Employment Understand the practical implications of Customized Employment Develop an effective strategy to drive Customized Employment

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The right philosophy is the distance between excellence and mediocrity!

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# Est. 1988

- More than 31 years of service
- ■Presence in 4 of the 6 Regions
- Maintain 85% employment
- •Everyone works above minimum wage

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Zero exclusion









# What its about...



 building dreams.. changing communities.. eroding stereotypes

possibilities, abilities, and what CAN happen

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Person Centered vs. Competitive a different approach... br. Steven G, Hurt







**Customized Employment** 

The task is not to find the *DREAM JOB*; the task is to find the *BEST POSSIBLE* conditions for employment.

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PEOPLE TAKE TO WORK WHAT THEY DO NOT CHANGE



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### **Customized Employment**

- CE is NOT looking for the "Dream Job"
- CE is NOT Vocational Evaluation & Testing
- CE does NOT focus on quick placement
- **CE is NOT Competitive Employment**

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### **Customized Employment**

- CE IS based on an Interest-Based Negotiation between the Job Seeker and the Employer
- **CE IS Person-Centered**
- CE IS One-Person-At-A-Time
- CE IS the act of seeking out the Best Possible Employment Conditions



































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#### Systematic Instruction

- 🕞 Marc Gold, University of Illinois "Try Another Way"
- Belief that individuals have more potential than anyone realized.
- Everyone can learn if we can figure out how to teach them.
- A lack of learning should first be interpreted as insufficient use of teaching strategies, rather than inability of the learner.

- Providing information, not affirmation or correction, is key.



































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### Information

Information....the essential commodity of systematic instruction – not correction, not affirmation, not reinforcement, not feelings, not general expectations.

Training is considered successful when information from the trainer/facilitator is turned into correct performance by the learner.

## Systematic Instruction

- Gives the trainer confidence to teach anything to anyone
- Create possibility to simplify the instruction otherwise complex tasks
- Removes the limits of what a person with disabilities is able to learn

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Systematic Instruction

"Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid."

~ Einstein

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# Why is Systematic Instruction Important?

- People being supported are often taught to follow along – not take the lead ("learned helplessness").
- 2. People are often provided low challenge tasks because they're not believed capable of doing more.
- 3. Good intentions with no results = no results.
- 4. People with disabilities are limited by other's lack of knowledge about good instruction.
- 5. When you know you can teach a skill, your vision for new careers opens up.

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Job analysis happens in the first three phases of systematic instruction.

# Role of the Employment Specialist

- Employment specialist does not replace the employer & coworkers
- Seek the employer's solution to problems before offering suggestions.
- The Employer is the expert as it pertains to the work Place
- The employment specialist is the expert in disabilities

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### **Role of Employment Specialist**

- Promote Naturalness
- Support employer and coworkers to interact with person
- Ensure that supports are in place to allow the person to succeed
- Model interaction with the person for the employers and coworkers

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Discovery is Qualitative Approach that aims to understand people in as many aspects as is necessary to develop an effective Customized Plan for Employment.

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### Discovery

- Broad in scope
- Descriptive
- Opinion free
- Respectful
- Comprehensive
- None-comparison
- Belongs to the person

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# Methods of Discovery

- Interview/conversations
- Time together
- Observation
- Participation

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The profile uses the information gained through the discovery process to present a descriptive story about the person

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### What is included in the profile?

- Positive and useful information
- Passion that propels the person
- Whatever is relevant about the person (even the complexity of the disability)
- Potential employment contribution

























**Presentation Matters** 

Damian can cook simple items with assistance. He cannot set the oven temperature independently and care should be taken to assure that he does not burn himself. He cannot read the directions on the box. Damian required one-to-one supervision to mix and prepare the brownies and to put them into the oven. He cannot be trusted to cut the brownies with a knife.

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Damian selects the brownie mix from the pantry, finds a mixing bowl from the cabinet and removes a mixing spoon from the utensil drawer, after being reminded by a staff person. As the staff person reads the directions he opens the box, pours the mix into the bowl and continues to blend in ingredients. When he completes the mixing he pours the mixture in a glass pan following a gesture by the staff person. The staff person says, "What's next?" and Damian points to the oven thermostat. The staff person says, "Which button is for bake?" and Damian pushes the Bake button. Damian then begins to turn the thermostat and the staff person says, "Stop at 375."

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As Damian nears 375, the staff person says, "That's it." and he stops at a nearby indicator. The staff person says, "One more click." and Damian completes the setting. The staff person asks, "How long do we cook them?" and Damian says 30 minutes. Damian sets the timer similar to the oven. When the timer goes off, Damian puts an oven mitt on his right hand and opens the oven with his left. As he reaches in the staff person says, "Careful, everything is hot." Damian grasps the pan and slides it out of the oven, keeping the container level. When the brownies had cooled, Damian removes a serving knife from the utility drawer and cuts the brownies into small squares with hand-over-hand assistance from the staff person.

### Distinct Approaches Job Development

Labor Market Job Development: Responding to the needs of employers with applicants who are "qualified" to meet those general needs.

Customized Job Development:

Discovering the "strengths, needs and interests" of job seekers and negotiating a job description that meets both the applicant's and employer's specific.

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## Customized Job Development (CJD

CPE becomes the basis for all CJD activities undertaken for the employment seeker. Career Specialists use the CPE to identify, engage, negotiate and customize a job, and the level of support needed for success.











"Our communities are not whole until all its members are valued and contributing."

~Jennifer Briggs

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